

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN REMEMBRANCE OF CHIEF
ROBERT SEARS

HON. JACKY ROSEN

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 8, 2018

Ms. ROSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Robert Sears, a longtime Boulder City resident, public servant, and former fire chief.

Chief Sears first became a volunteer fireman in 1951. He moved to Richfield, Ohio in 1960 where he was appointed Fire Chief, the youngest chief ever appointed in Ohio at the time, and in 1969 accepted the Fire Chief position in Boulder City, Nevada.

Among his many achievements, he reduced fire insurance rates from a class 9 city to a class 3 and was the driving force behind "Operation Heart Start" which increased the save-rate of cardiac emergencies to well above the national average. Additionally, under his command, BCFD developed into one of the best trained and equipped fire departments in Nevada.

Chief Sears retired after 21 years of service to the BCF, but continued to serve the public. He worked tirelessly for the Boulder City Chamber of Commerce, and he volunteered his time serving as President of the Nevada Fire Chief's Association, President of the Southern Nevada First Chiefs Association, Vice President of the Western First Chiefs Association, Chairman of Clark County Fire Prevention Council, Chairman of the Nevada Division of the American Health Association, Chairman of the Nevada Fire Training Board and a member of the Boulder City Sunrise Rotary Club. Chief Sears additionally served 35 years as a member of the Civilian Military Council at Nellis Air Force Base and on the Military Academy Selection Committee for Nevada's Third Congressional District.

Robert Sears was an inspiration to all those he worked with, and everyone he encountered. He encouraged others as a mentor and with his strong work ethic. He taught others how to be calm under pressure, shared his vast wisdom, and was an extraordinary and selfless person. He will not soon be forgotten.

HONORING THE 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF CHAPEL HOUSE SHELTER

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 8, 2018

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chapel House Shelter, a nonprofit organization that serves homeless individuals in Cayuga County. On December 2, this wonderful organization celebrated 10 years of helping members of our community get back on their feet.

Founded in 2007 under the direction of Father Dennis Shaw and Executive Director Sandi Mettler, Chapel House provides a compassionate response to homelessness in Cayuga County. Once operating out of the gymnasium of the former Holy Family School on North Street, Chapel House has expanded and now provides emergency housing and services for men in a three-story, wood-frame house on Franklin Street.

Today, this nonprofit organization relies on the support of 14 full-time employees and 20 volunteers led by Executive Director Christina Thornton, as well as the generosity of individuals and businesses within the community. Thanks to the support of so many in our community, Chapel House Shelter is able to pursue its mission to provide our homeless neighbors with emergency shelter and the tools for self-sufficiency in a safe and respectful manner.

This phenomenal group has helped over 1,500 people find a warm place to sleep at night, fed the hungry, and offered a sense of security for those in need. In the last five years, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Chapel House has assisted over 75 veterans.

It is my distinct honor to recognize the 10 year anniversary of Chapel House, and thank Executive Director Thornton, her employees, and volunteers for all they do to help support those in need and alleviate homelessness.

HONORING COACH CHRIS WYRICK
FOR HIS INDUCTION INTO THE
MISSOURI HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL
COACHES ASSOCIATION
HALL OF FAME

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 8, 2018

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Coach Chris Wyrick from Jefferson City, Missouri on his recent induction into the Missouri High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Coach Wyrick graduated from Helias Catholic High School and helped lead the Crusaders to three state championships. After his high school graduation, he played for the University of Missouri, then professionally for the St. Louis Cardinals and Detroit Tigers. His coaching career began in St. Elizabeth, Missouri from 1997 to 1999 as an assistant. Coach Wyrick then returned to his alma mater, Helias Catholic High School where he's been since 2000.

Over the last 20 years Coach Wyrick's achievements are nothing short of incredible. He has a 336-210 overall record, a Class 3 State Championship in 2000 and 2001, and District Championships in 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2012, 2016, and 2017. During this time he has coached 108 all-district players and 41 all-state players. In 2000, Coach

Wyrick was awarded Coach of the Year by the Missouri High School Baseball Coaches Association and the following year he received the same honor from the Greater St. Louis MLB Scouts Association and the National Federation of State High School Associations.

More important than the accolades, Coach Wyrick has touched the lives of countless young athletes. Many players and individuals have praised the skills of Coach Wyrick not only because of his success on the field, but because he consistently puts his players first. This has been a key component of his coaching career and has paved the way for a long-standing trust between him and generations of Missouri ballplayers. Of the hundreds of athletes he has coached over the years, 42 of them have gone on to play for college teams. Coach Wyrick's mentality can be summed up in his own words: "as a coach, you hope you have some influence on a player's life to when they hit adversity, they get through it and come out better on the other side." Coach Wyrick has been supported throughout the years by his loving wife, Janie, and their three children, Emma, Erin, and Sam.

Please join me in congratulating Coach Wyrick for a well-deserved induction into the Missouri High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

SALUTE TO HOUSTON BOY SCOUTS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 8, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the Boy Scouts of the Sam Houston Area Council live up to the Boy Scout motto, selflessly giving back to others and embodying the true spirit of what it means to be a Boy Scout. The Sam Houston Area Council serves over 50,000 youth in 16 counties throughout Southeast Texas. The troops in the Houston area are dedicated to service and leadership. This year, the Scouts are partnering with Super Bowl of Caring to do what a Boy Scout does best, give back to their local community. The program is called "Scouting for Food," which began on January 28th. The Boys Scouts went door to door, distributing door hangers in neighborhoods to announce an upcoming food drive. The project lasted through February 3rd, with Scouts returning to pick up any donations available in the neighborhoods. The donations will be going directly to food pantries, food banks, and churches in the Scouts' local neighborhoods. This is, without a doubt, a welcome to those who struggle to make ends meet and need help putting food on the table. In 2016, the Scouts collected an impressive 200,000 pounds of food. The Boy Scouts are hoping to top that this year. There is no doubt, with their determination and grit, they will easily reach that goal. The Boy Scout's promise is "to help other people at all times." This is a shining example of helping others out who

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are less fortunate. The Boy Scouts of Sam Houston Area Council must be commended for thinking of others before themselves. And that's just the way it is.

CONGRATULATING ANDREW CARPENTER ON RECEIVING A "YES I CAN" AWARD FROM THE COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 8, 2018

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Andrew Carpenter for receiving the "Yes I Can" Award from the Council for Exceptional Children.

The "Yes We Can" Award is presented by the Council for Exceptional Children, a professional association of educators dedicated to advancing the success of youth with exceptionalities, in recognition of accomplishments in various categories. Andrew is one of only twelve students worldwide receiving this prestigious award, and will be honored in the transition category.

Andrew, who is affected by autism, graduated from Gloversville High School in 2015 and subsequently enrolled in Transitions at Lexington, a chapter of The Arc New York, which prepares teenagers and young adults with autism and learning differences for college, careers, and life.

Throughout his time at Transitions, Andrew continues to flourish, developing skills including self-advocacy and goal-setting to equip him for success in life. His enriching experience has even included becoming a vocalist for the popular Lexington-based band, Flame, which travelled to Carpi, Italy, last year to perform at the International Festival of Different Abilities. Andrew also currently attends Fulton-Montgomery Community College, where he studies communications.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to recognize Andrew for his hard work and commitment at Transitions that led him to great success. He is a deserving recipient of this award and I want to wish him all the best in the years ahead.

IN MEMORY OF DR. JAMES R. BUSH, JR.

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 8, 2018

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on February 1, 2018, a memorial service was conducted at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rayne, Louisiana, to honor the life of Dr. James R. Bush, Jr.

I include in the RECORD the following thoughtful obituary published in The Crowley-Post Signal on January 27, 2018:

A Funeral Mass will be held at 2 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church on Thursday, Feb. 1, for Dr. James R. Bush, Jr., 68, who died Thursday, Jan. 25, 2018, at his home surrounded by his family. A rosary will be said Thursday, Feb. 1, at 1:30 p.m. at St. Joseph

Catholic Church. The services will be officiated by Fr. William "Bill" Roskoski and Deacon Tommy Adams.

He is survived by his mother, Betty Bush of Rayne; his wife of 44 years, Mary Bush of Rayne; two sons, Michael Bush and wife Courtney of Rayne, and John Bush and wife Lindsey of Crowley; two daughters, Mary Katharine Doré and husband Jason of Washington, D.C., and Elizabeth Leonards and husband Luke of Lafayette; a brother, David Bush and wife Sandra of Rayne; two sisters, Nancy Stutes of Baton Rouge and Elizabeth Mooney and husband Mike of Rayne; six grandchildren, Vivian, M.J., Jack-Thomas, Eleanor, William and Mary-Cynthia; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Dr. James R. Bush, Sr.; a brother, Jerome Bush; two nephews, Ben Stutes and Derek Bush; and a brother-in-law, Darrell Stutes.

Dr. Bush was born April 8, 1949, in Church Point to Dr. and Mrs. James R. Bush, Sr. A 1967 graduate of Rayne High School he earned his bachelor of science degree from USL in Lafayette. He went on to complete studies at the LSU School of Dentistry in New Orleans in 1975. He practiced dentistry in Baton Rouge between 1975 and 1985, after which, he returned home and served the Rayne community from 1986 until 2009.

Dr. Bush was a member of the Rayne Lions Club and the 6th District Dental Association. He will be remembered not only as a kind and loving person, always willing to help in any way possible; but, also as a compassionate dentist and caregiver who cared for all his patients.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 8, 2018

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted yea on rollcall No. 61; yea on rollcall No. 62; and nay on rollcall No. 63.

HONORING NATHANIEL "NATE" ADAMS, JR.

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 8, 2018

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I want to take a moment to honor a community leader, Nathaniel "Nate" Adams, Jr., a man who has left an indelible mark on both the Bronx and Westchester counties which I represent. Nate has lived a full and active life, one that has taken many interesting turns over the years. Born on November 9th, 1941 Nate was raised and educated in Cleveland, and went on to Purdue University, where he was awarded a full track and field scholarship, and graduated with a bachelor of science degree in 1965.

In his professional life, Nate was a teacher-coach at Woodlands High School in Hartsdale, New York and later became the cofounder of RAN Associates in 1970. Then in 1972, Nate began a star-studded entertainment career, first as an associate producer for the movie "Super Fly" and then as an actor and clothing designer for the movie "Classic." Nate then worked as a special events organizer for Don

King Productions, where he produced a musical concert in Zaire ahead of the Muhammed Ali Vs. George Foreman prize fight. In 1980, he was a producer for the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) where he created the UNCF Walkathon, "Walk a Mile, to Save a Mind"; in 1985 he became Director of Special Events of CARE International; in 1986 he became producer for International Tours for KOOL & the Gang; and in 1990 he became Tour Manager for the Lloyd Price Group, the Four Kings of R&B, and other greats. Nate was also the cofounder of the Black National Sports and Entertainment Foundation.

Incredibly, Nate was just as active outside of work, too. He has been a member of Shiloh Baptist Church in New Rochelle since 1978, and became a Deacon himself in 1982. In 2002, Nate became chairman of the Shiloh Community Development Corporation, which led to the construction of a 40-unit senior housing facility in New Rochelle. In 2006, he became chairman of the Deacon Ministry of Shiloh Baptist Church, then just two years later, became President of Tilden Towers II Board of Directors in the Bronx.

Of course for all his great accomplishments, Nate would always point to family as his greatest. He and his wife Audrey have been married since 1967, and they have been blessed with 3 children, Nichole, Nathaniel III, and Alisha, and 10 grandchildren.

Nate's motto, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" couldn't be more appropriate for a man who truly has done it all. He is most deserving of this recognition today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SETH MOULTON

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 8, 2018

Mr. MOULTON. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House Chamber for votes on Wednesday, February 7th. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 61; YEA on Roll Call No. 62; and YEA on Roll Call No. 63.

HONORING JIM JOHNSTON

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 8, 2018

Mr. DeFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Mr. Jim Johnston, president and CEO of the Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association (OIDA). Jim passed away on January 8, 2018.

Jim was born in 1939 in Summerfield, MA, but was raised in the Midwest after his family moved to Iowa when he was a child. In 1956, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and after completing his military service he entered the trucking industry as an owner-operator in 1960.

In 1969, Jim moved to Grain Valley, MO, during a turbulent time in the trucking industry. At that time—as it is now—trucking was dominated by small businesses. Recognizing the